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SUBJ: TRANSKEI DETAINS BLACK EDITOR AND MAGISTRATE

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1. TRANSKEI SECURITY POLICE CONFIRMED THEY HAVE DETAINED
MR. VUYANI MRWETYANA, THE BLACK EDITOR OF TRANSKEI'S ONLY
INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER, AND MR. ANDERSON MAJEKE, A BLACK
MAGISTRATE, UNDER TRANSKEI'S SECURITY ACT.

2. MRWETYANA IS WELL KNOWN TO US BY REPUTATION AND
CORRESPONDENCE AS ONE OF THE TWO MOST OUTSPOKEN CRITICS OF
MATANZIMA AND TRANSKEI'S INDEPENDENCE. (THE OTHER IS
DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER HECTOR NCOKAZI, WHO HAS BEEN
DETAINED SEVERAL TIMES BECAUSE OF HIS POLICIES). MRWETYANA
FOUNDED AND EDITS A SMALL XHOSA-ENGLUSH LANGUAGE WEEKLY
PEPER, ISAZISO, PRINTED IN UMTATA. THE PAPER, REPORTEDLY
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WIDELY READ AMONG CIVIL SERVANTS AND OTHER EDUCATED TRANS-
KEIANS, HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY CRITICAL OF MATANZIMA'S POLICIES.
MRWETYANA HAD BEEN DETAINED IN 1976 BUT WAS RELEASED PRIOR
TO INDEPENDENCE. LIKE NCOKAZI HE REALIZED THE DANGERS
INHERENT IN SUCH VOCAL OPPOSITION BUT HAS REFUSED TO
MODERATE HIS STATEMENTS. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF MEJEKE OR
WHETHER THE CASES ARE RELATED.

3. MRWETYANA WAS NOMINATED BY THE MISSION FOR A 1979 IV
GRANT. AS MANY PEOPLE DETAINED IN TRANSKEI ARE RELEASED
IN A FEW WEEKS OR MONTHS WITHOUT BEING CHARGED, WE BELIEVE
CONSIDERATION OF HIS NOMINATION SHOULD CONTINUE.
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